

ANNOUNCEMENT
FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
ONLINE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT – MARCH 25, 2009
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What is the Farm Business Management (FBM) Career Development Event?





The ability to apply economic principles and make farm and agribusiness management decisions is essential to success in the business of agriculture today. FFA activities are an integral part of the instructional program in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education. The Farm Business Management Career Development Event provides competition that fosters critical thinking and problem-solving skills necessary to pursue a career in agricultural business.

How will the event be administered online?

1. The 2009 Farm Business Management Event is an online Career Development Event using the Custom Standards Assessment (CSA) Tracker. This will allow teams to compete from a remote location.
2. Computers with internet access will be needed for each competitor in the event.
3. A proctor will be needed. This person can not be someone training and working with team members. You are encouraged to reach out to guidance counselors or school administrators. Having them proctor this event will allow you to share with them how agricultural education is on the cutting edge.
4. Students will be assigned user names and passwords to access the exam after proctor approval. An instruction sheet for students and a password list will be e-mailed to registered chapters on Monday, March 23, 2009.
5. **On Wednesday, March 25, 2009, the online exam will be active from 2:00-4:30 pm.** The entire team must compete at the same time and will only have one hour to complete the exam. The exam will be 50 questions.
6. Authenticity of Work Certification must be signed by participants and the proctor and faxed to the Office of Agricultural Education upon completion of the event.

How does FBM meet New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards?

FFA, through Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education helps students meet the State Core Curriculum Content Standards. The Farm Business Career Development Event teaches students about Language Arts Literacy, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Technological Literacy standards. Some examples of how the Farm Business Career Development Event meets these standards include:

-  Language Arts Literacy (3.1) – All students will understand and apply the knowledge of sounds, letters, and words in written English to become independent and fluent readers, and will read a variety of materials and texts with fluency and comprehension.
-  Mathematics (4.1) – All students will develop number sense and will perform standards numerical operations and estimations on all types of numbers in a variety of ways.
-  Social Studies (6.5) – All students will acquire and understanding of key economic principles.
-  Technological Literacy (8.1) - All students will use computer applications to gather and organize information and to solve problems.

How do we register and what does it cost?

Preregistration is required for participation using the online registration form. Please email your completed registration form to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us by **Monday, March 2, 2009**. No team member name changes will be allowed after March 23, 2009.

A \$9 registration fee is assessed for each contestant. Please send payment at time of registration. Registration fees are used to pay Career Development Event expenses and to provide awards to FFA members. According to New Jersey's FFA Registration Policy, registration received after the due date will incur a \$10 late fee per event. Registration will not be accepted any later than one week prior to the event. Please make checks payable to: **"Treasurer, State of New Jersey"** and send to the **Office of Agricultural Education, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625-0330**.

How do I get CDE results?

Official results will be available via email and on the New Jersey FFA website at http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/rural/ag_ed/business.htm Please do not call the Office of Agricultural Education for results.

What are the Career Development Event Rules?

1. Four members may participate in the Farm Business Management CDE. The scores of the three highest individual's in Agricultural Business Management constitute the score of the official team.
2. The school with the highest team score (combined scores of three individuals) in the Farm Business Management CDE will represent New Jersey in regional competition at Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Massachusetts, in September, and in national competition at the National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The first place team will receive a state recognition plaque. The top three individuals overall will receive a gold, silver or bronze medal.
3. Members of a first place team in a New Jersey FFA State Career Development Event may not compete in that particular New Jersey FFA CDE again.
4. Official teams can only complete the online exam during the scheduled career development event timeframe (2:00 – 4:30pm on Wednesday, March 25, 2009) and all team members must participate in the event at the same time.
5. Calculators may be used and can only have the following functions – addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, equals, percent, square roots, +/- key, and one memory register. NO other calculators are allowed during the event. Sharing of calculators between individuals is not permitted.
6. Participants may not talk or confer with one another during the event.
7. **Note: Requesting Assistance for a Career Development Event** – If a student needs assistance during a career development event, the Office of Agricultural Education must be notified at the time of registration – March 2, 2009- by identifying the student and their specific need. If a reader or scribe is needed, you are responsible for providing that person. In order to conduct a state level career development event efficiently, **no additional time will be provided** to a student to complete portions of a career development event.

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